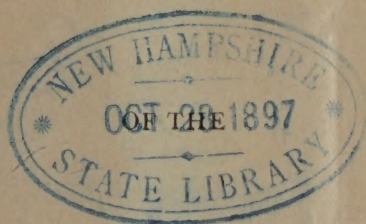


# ANNUAL REPORT,

OF THE

Treasurer, Selectmen & Suptn'g School Committee,



# TOWN OF BARTLETT,

FOR THE

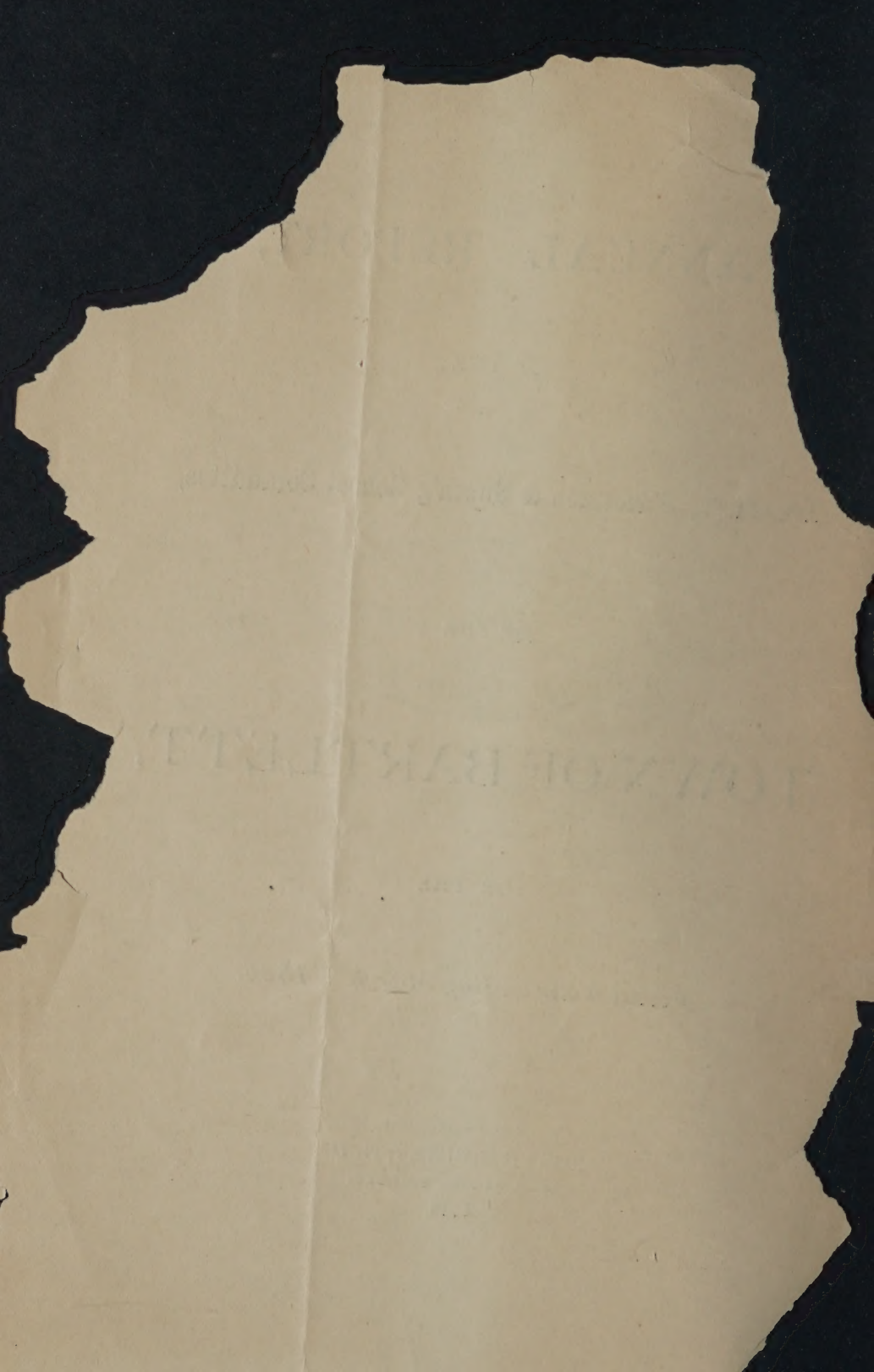
*Fiscal Year ending March 1, 1886.*

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# TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Town of Bartlett in acc't with Cyrus A. Tasker,

## TREASURER.

Cash of last year's Treasurer,	474.72	474.72
B. D. Eastman, Coll. '84, cash & orders,	150.00	
" " " " Sales of '82,	581.65	715.65
" " " " 1885,		44.48
" " " abatements 1884 & 5,		1,217.32
Rec'd W. S. Foster, Licensed Pool Table,		66.95
C. Carlton, tax 1883,		10.00
S. E. Whitton, Coll. 1877 & 8,		18.92
Town Agent, Sale of Land,		105.60
Frank George, R. R. Tax, Literary Fund,		145.16
Savings Bank Tax & bounty on Wild Animals,		407.55
Geo. E. Gale, Coll. 1883,		150.00
B. D. Eastman, School House 1884,		65.13
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		\$3,421.00
Paid by order of Selectmen,		<hr/>
		\$3,082.41
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Cash on hand.		338.59

C. A. Tasker, Treasurer.



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Amount of assessments for the year, including non-resident

Highway tax.	4,544.62	
Received of State R. R. Tax,	110.67	
"    "    Literary Fund,	114.07	
"    "    Savings Bank Tax,	34.91	
"    Bounty on Wild Animals,	147.90	\$4,952.17

## DISBURSEMENTS

Paid State Tax,	512.00	
"    County "	1,225.66	\$1,737.66

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District No. 1,	142.03
"    "    2,	117.02
"    "    3,	74.65
"    "    4,	58.26
"    "    5,	179.78
"    "    6,	59.55

\$631.29

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

Frank George, Selectman,	70.00
Albert Pitman, "	45.00
Stephen B. Eastman, "	35.00
Cyrus A. Tasker, Treasurer,	20.00
A. W. Burnell, Town Clerk,	25.00
Perley N. Watson, Supervisor,	10.00
Frank A. Carlton, "	10.00
Mark W. Pierce, "	10.00
Joseph Pitman, S. S. Committee,	25.00
John O. Cobb, Auditor,	3.00
W. D. Tasker, "	3.00
Walter Pitman, "	3.00
B. D. Eastman, Coll. 1885,	100.00

Frank George, ag't for sale of Town Land,	21.00
E. C. Eastman, Stationery & Blank-books,	12.80
Postage, Blanks, Deeds, Check-list & Warrants,	4.40
Printing Tax Notices,	1.25
Recording & acknowledging deeds,	8.10
C. F. Buffum & Co., 2 Picks & Handles,	2.50
F. B. Osgood, Insuring Town-House, 1885 to 1890,	30.00
Incidental Expenses and board of Selectmen,	20.50
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	\$465.55

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Frank A. Carlton, labor on Nute bridge,	2.50
Cha's W. Pitman, " Dundee road "	6.50
Jos. Mead, labor on Rocky Branch "	
& Spikes for Goodrich Fall "	3.00
C. S. Woodis, labor, Rocky Branch "	7.35
J. W. Chandler, plank & stringers Rocky Branch Bridge,	11.50
John Eastman, drawing plank Goodrich Falls "	3.00
Frank George, labor Rocky Branch Bridge road,	7.75
J. T. Mead, plank &c. " " " "	38.35
S. M. Thompson, plank, " " " "	21.60
Cha's Carlton, split stone, " " " "	24.00
S. L. Carlton, labor Nute & Hill road & Branch Bridge,	4.50
Albert Pitman, " " " " " "	28.75
Nathan Hill, labor West side Saco River "	129.00
Austin Stillings, spikes Goodrich Fall, "	3.22
Gardner Buffum & Co. plank and lumber,	236.22
" " " " " "	10.13
Henry C. Fernald, " "	4.05
John W. Chandler, pier Lucy Bridge,	25.00
James McAlmon, labor & sand,	23.75
Frank Lucy, timber in Hill Dis't.	2.50
Daniel D. Nute, labor " "	28.50
Sam'l Kenison, labor " "	3.05
John Eastman, " in Dis't No. 1,	3.00
Geo. E. Gale, blasting material & plank " " "	2.68
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	\$629.60

## TOWN PAUPER BILLS.

Town of Conway, support of Garland Children 2 weeks,	4.00
E. Hill, support of Sarah Ann Seavey & 2 Children,	43.07

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 \$47.07

## COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

James H. Eastman, support of H. Beckett 1884,	12.80
Furber Bro's, Casket for Merrill Child 1884,	4.25
C. F. Buffum, & Co. support A. Goodblood's wife,	30.00
F. George, board of tramps,	7.00
Dr. J. A. Bangs, medical attendance on Mrs Copp,	4.75

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 \$58.80

## WATERING TROUGHS.

Mrs J. M. Harding,	3.00	
Sam'l Drown,	3.00	
Ja's McAlmond,	3.00	
John Robin,	3.00	
J. M. Pitman,	3.00	
Geo. E. Gale,	2.00	\$17.00
Paid Bounties on Wild Animals.		\$147.90

## PAID ARREARAGES.

John Cryon, by vote of town for breaking road winter '83,	35.00
Stephen C. Gardner, labor in the Nute Dist. 1882-3-4,	11.64
W. H. Jacobs, printing Town Report 1884,	10.00
F. E. Burbank, Road damage "	5.00
W. H. Bragdon, reporting Births & Deaths 1884,	4.50

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 \$66.14

Births and Deaths.

Dr. W. H. Bragdon, reporting Births & Deaths,	5.25	
" J. A. Bangs, " " " "	4.50	\$9.75

## Paid on Town Debt.

Edgar A. Stevens, Note & Interest,	1.385.10
Cyrus A. Tasker, Interest,	48.00
E. A. Pitman,	34.00
Abbie M. Pitman,	25.00

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 \$1.492.10



## Paid for Sheep killed by dogs,

B, D. Eastman,	13.90	
F. George,	6.00	
John Pendexter,	20.00	\$39.90

## ABATEMENTS.

## 1884. B. D. Eastman, Collector.

Chas. Allen, over taxed,	1.00
Fred. E. Eastman,	1.00
Jacob Hill,	70
Calvin Kingman,	1.50
Jos. Goodblood,	1.98
Stafield Carter,	1.88
Harry Noonan,	1.98
Wm. Brennan,	1.98
Murdock Smith,	1.98
Peter Sweeney,	1.98

Total,

\$16.48

## B. D. Eastman, Coll. Ab'ts. 1885.

James Gamble, over taxed,	4.65	
Mrs. Dennett,	4.91	
H. F. Lucy,	1.55	
Wallace Jefferson,	1.64	
Mrs. Johnathan Gale,	16.39	
Johnathan Gale,	6.55	
Daniel W. Perkins,	8 68	
L. B. D. Sinclair, poll tax, not of age,	1.55	
Benj. Chandler, " "	1.55	
Frank Carlton, dog tax	1.00	
Freeman C. Stillings, " "	1.00	
George W. Knight, " "	1.00	\$50.47

## RECAPITULATIONS.

Amount of Funds,		\$4.952.17
Paid State Tax,	512.00	
County "	1,225.66	
School "	631.29	
General Expences,	465.55	
Highways & Bridges,	629.60	
Support of Town Poor,	47.07	
"County "	58.80	
Watering Troughs'	17.00	





# To the Selectmen and inhabitants of the town of BARTLETT.

The undersigned S. S. Committee of said town would respectfully submit their annual report for the school year 1885.

Whole amount of School Money appropriated for the support of Schools by the town for the year 1885, \$631 29  
derived from the following named sources,

Town School Tax,	448 00
Literary Fund,	89 04
Savings Bank Tax,	47 75
Dog Tax,	46 50

Amount as before. \$631 29

This sum was divided by the Selectmen of said town as follows: one third according to the valuation of each district, one third according to the number of scholars, and one third equally among the six districts; such division giving each district the sum of:

District No. 1,	142.03
“ “ 2,	117.02
“ “ 3,	74.65
“ “ 4,	58.26
“ “ 5,	179.78
“ “ 6,	59.55
No. of Scholars in Districts.	
No. 1,	51
“ 2,	69
“ 3,	27
“ 4,	17
“ 5,	101
“ 6,	27
Whole No. in town.	292

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

Length of school 10 weeks in Summer and 13 in Winter.

The Summer term, taught by Miss Carrie A. Drake, was a fair average school, and the scholars made a fair progress in their studies.

The Winter term taught by Miss S. M. Peasley, 13 weeks, was not a success; a lack of order and method on the part of the teacher, irregularity of attendance on the part of the scholars, and little or no interest on the part of the parents, are sufficient causes when combined, to make any school entirely worthless.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Minnie Bragdon, and the Winter term of ten weeks, by Miss Josephine S. Palmer, were not all that might be desired, but were much better than could be expected under the circumstances. I could see no fault on the part of the teachers, but a lack of interest on the part of the parents, and discord and contention in the neighborhood, were a great injury to the school.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer term of 4 2-5 weeks, taught by Algernon M. Thompson, was not a success; principle reason of failure, irregular attendance of scholars, and neighborhood contention.

The Winter term, taught by Miss Josephine S. Palmer, 7 weeks, was an orderly and well conducted school. In addition to these two terms, there was a private school of 4 weeks taught by Miss Carrie Woodis.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

Length of Summer term, 8 weeks, Winter term, 10 weeks. Both terms were taught Miss Susie Youel, a graduate of the Normal School of St. John N. B., a first-class teacher. Instruction thorough and systematic, the scholars were orderly and attentive to their studies.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term taught by Algernon M. Thompson, 4 weeks. The attendance so small that it could hardly be called a school. The Winter term of 7 weeks, taught by Miss A. S.

Dearing, was a fair average school. The scholars were orderly and attentive to their studies, and made a very commendable improvement.

The report of the board of Education of Dist. No. 5, is herewith annexed to this report, and I ask a careful perusal of the same, by every citizen of the town. This school has been under the exclusive contrall of its present efficient board of education, to whom too much praise cannot be accorded, for the very able manner they have discharged the duties of their office.

J. Pitman, S. S. Committee of Bartlett.

To Joseph Pitman, S. S. Committee, Bartlett, N. H., and to the inhabitants of School District No. 5, the undersigned herewith submit their annual report for the year 1885-6.

The grades of our schools now established, consists of the Primary and Grammar Departments. The school year has been dividled into three terms, A Spring term of ten weeks beginning Apr. 20 and closing June 26. Fall term of eleven weeks beginning Sep. 7, and closing Nov. 20. Winter term of eleven weeks beginning Dec. 14, and closing Feb. 26. The Spring, Fall and five weeks of the Winter term of the Primary Dep't were taught by Lizzie B. Ring, a graduate of the Orono, Me. High School. who had charge of this school six terms prior to this.

She resigned her position Jan. 13, we very much regretted losing so efficient a teacher, but were fortunate in securing the services of Annie Bennett a graduate of Portland High and Gorham Me. Normal School to fill the vacancy; Miss Bennett although coming to us a stranger, has proved herself a teacher deeply interested in her school and one by whom the scholars have been inspired with earnest zeal.

Aside from the regular work, oral lessons in Physiology with reference to the effect of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics on the human system, also object lessons on forms have been taught, in both, the scholars have shown great interest and delight. The table below will show the record of attendance and visits to this department as kept during the year.



	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
No. attending two weeks or more,	43	47	42
Boys enrolled,	25	24	24
Girls       “	18	23	18
Under 6 years of age,	2	4	4
Over 16,	0	0	0
Average daily attendance,	39	43	36
No. who have not been absent,	15	20	16
Visits by Supt.	1	0	1
“       School Board,	7	9	9
“       Parents & Citizens,	10	4	21
Public examinations,	1	1	1

Scholars not absent during the year 7. names of those scholars are Lizzie Tracy. Addie Richards. Amelia Peiky, Leonard Parker. Leslie Tracy. Eddie Field. Minnot Sarson. Wages of teachers per month including board \$32 00

Grammar Department. The Spring term of this department was taught by Ellen S. Mitchell, a graduate of Plymouth N. H. Normal School, who spared no time or effort in the discharge of the responsible duties assumed by her; on account of ill health she was unable to remain through the year. The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Viola A. Johnson a graduate of the Farmington Me. Normal School; her instruction has been thorough, and the improvement of pupils who have applied themselves at all has been praiseworthy.

For admission to this school an examination is required in Reading Spelling. Arithmetic and Geography. The following are the names of those who have passed the examination by the School Board, June 30 and were promoted to this grade; Clara Tracy, Julia Paine, Bernice Harris, Charles Stillings, Earnest Watson, Charlie Willie, Nattie Buffum, Melvin Rogers, Leroy Carroll, Walter Parker, Charlie Martin, Archie Griffin. Below is the table showing the record of attendance and visits to this department as kept during the year.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter
Whole No. attending two weeks or more,	35	34	33
No. of boys enrolled,	22	22	21
" girls "	13	12	12
" over sixteen,	3	2	2
Average daily attendance,	29	32	31
No. not absent,	15	13	10
No. visits by Supt.,	1	0	1
" " School Board,	11	11	10
" " Parents and citizens,	9	21	35
No. Public Examinations,	1	1	1
Scholars not absent during the year, 6.			

Names of those not absent during the year are: Susie Parker, Agnes Muis, Charlie Wadsworth, Leroy Carroll, Harry Field, Nattie Buffum. The branches taught in this department the past year, were Algebra, Physiology, U. S. History, Philosophy and Grammar. All are expected to take three studies with Reading, Spelling and Penmanship. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$36.

You will see by the tables given, the number of scholars not absent each term; to those the teachers gave prizes. The committee also gave to those not absent during the year. We have found this an excellent plan with many, and it has raised the standard, as with constant attendance the scholars could be well classified and good results follow. The pupil who attends school but two or three days during the week makes poor advancement; instances have come to our notice, when scholars were absent day after day without any satisfactory reason; when they return can they expect to enter the class on an equal footing with those who have attended regularly? No, they soon begin to realize the loss, get discouraged, their lack of interest is a hinderance to the advancement of all in the class, and finally they drop out.

Not only is regular attendance necessary, but habits of punctuality should be formed; scholars entering school a few minutes late, distract the attention of the whole school. The greater number of instances of tardiness have been among a few, who on entering, would signify by look or bearing, that they had done a very "commendable act, to favor the school at all with their presence." Parents and guardians have it in their power to wipe out these existing evils.

Efforts of the teachers in the majority of cases have shown very gratifying results on the part of the scholars. When scholars have not made improvements it has extensively been through lack of ambition on the part of the scholars to apply themselves to work, or want of interest, caused by indifference and passiveness of parents, in the direction of education.

In our attempt to elevate the tone of our school it has been claimed by some that we have made them "too high toned," if this change is perceptible to those not visiting the school, our aims are accomplished.

By others, objections have been raised that more than a necessary amount of money has been expended, and that our children had "too much schooling;" to those we would say, that skilled labor is always in demand, and better paid than unskilled. Teachers, like those in other professions who have received special preparation for their work, must be paid accordingly; and it has been our desire to secure the best with the means at our disposal as scholars derive greater benefits from professional training. Can terms of "six weeks summer and six weeks winter," as in our grandfathers day, prepare scholars to cope with those attending thirty-six or forty weeks in the year?

Could the stage coach and tallow candle compete with the steam power and electric inventions of today?

Progression in education must be in proportion to other public interests.

Do not criticise the schools on hearsay, but visit those in your own district at least once during the year, that you may know for yourselves what work is being done, and if the money for which you are taxed is wisely expended. Such visits stimulate teachers and scholars to greater efforts, as have been



illustrated by a few, and if the practice should become general in our community the change would mark a new epoch in the history of our schools and result in great good.

Every friend of education, if he sends scholars or not should work earnestly for the common schools; too great an interest can not be shown, as there we look for the training of our future men and women, and it is for us to decide whether they shall or not become useful members of society.

The following is the daily programme as used during the Winter term:

Primary. Morning session.

Prayer.

Counting on numeral frame by school.

Chart class.

Reading and oral spelling. First Reader class.

“ “ “ Second “

“ “ “ Third “

“ “ “ Fourth “

Language lesson.

Recess.

Object lesson on forms.

Writing by second, third and fourth reader classes.

C. Arithmetic. Second Reader scholars.

B. “ Third “

A. “ Fourth “

P. M. Session.

The programme before recess is same as before recess after prayer in morning session.

Recess.

Object lessons on forms.

Physiology.

C. Geography. Third Reader class.

B. Geography. Fourth Reader class.

A. “ “ “

Written Spelling. “ “

Grammar Department.

Opening exercises.

Reading and Prayer.

A. and B. Reading. Fifth Reader.

C. Reading. Fourth Reader.

Algebra.

Recess.

C. Arithmetic.

B. "

A. "

Oral spelling. Whole school.

P. M. Session.

Writing by school.

Book-keeping.

U. S. History.

C. Geography.

A. Physiology.

Recess.

B. Geography.

C. Grammar.

A. and B. Grammar.

Written Spelling. Whole school.

#### FINANCIAL.

Exhibition Fund.

##### RECEIPTS.

Amount received from first exhibition,	17 16	
" " " second "	10 20	
" " " third "	10 65	
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##### EXPEDITURES.

Amount paid for blackboards,	21 36	
" " 2 silver class bells,	3 24	
" " recitation books,	1 25	
" " erasers,	1 50	
" " Webster's unabridged in-		
dexed Dictionary,	8 75	\$36 10
Balance on hand,		\$1 91

A globe was bought with proceeds from a former exhibition, at close of Rev. S. H. Conwalls's school.

An examination of the statement below will show the amount of money at our disposal to date. We trust the district will realize the importance of raising a liberal amount for the ensuing school year.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per report of 1883-4,	7 01	
Amount received from the town,	179 78	
“ “ “ district,	210 22	
“ “ for tuition,	54 25	
“ “ for books,	36 45	
“ “ from collector for '84,	115 41	
“ “ for damage to school property.	1 00	
“ loaned, June 26,	60 00	
“ “ Feb. 26,	149 00	
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid teachers,	558 50	
“ for books,	37 36	
“ “ wood,	29 40	
“ “ repairs,	4 75	
“ “ supplies,	8 29	
“ “ cleaning,	4 00	
“ “ janitor,	4 00	
“ W. E. Whitten, note and int.,	44 00	
“ Loan, Feb. 6, 1885,	41 00	
“ “ June 26, 1885,	60 00	
“ for telegrams,	75	
“ “ supplies of 1884,	19 05	
	<hr/>	\$811 10
Cash on hand,		2 02
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		\$813 12

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

Amount due from the district,	189 78	
“ for tuition,	15 25	
“ from collector of 1884,	18 00	
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## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

Amount due on supplies,	9 36	
“ “ Loan, Feb. 26, 1886,	149 00	
	<hr/>	\$158 36
Balance due School District, No. 5,		64 67

## INVENTORY.



3 Grammars on hand,

2 25

1 Physiology, 10 7

1 15

\$3.40

Both schools are supplied with text books for the teachers' use; also four outline maps by late surveys, one map of New Hampshire, one globe, one numeral frame, one reading chart, two silver class bells, one Webster's unabridged indexed dictionary, and each room has about 130 square feet of blackboards, in good condition.

MRS. P. N. WATSON, } Board  
JOHN B. SOUTHARD, } of  
MRS. C. F. BUFFUM, } Education.